



Revised Geographic Eligibility for Federal Office of Rural Health Policy Funding



Beginning with Fiscal Year 2022 (October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022), FORHP will consider all outlying Metropolitan Statistical Area counties without an Urbanized Area (UA) population (50,000 or more people) to be eligible for rural health grant programs. For more detail on the addition of outlying metro counties, read the Federal Register Notice, Revised Geographic Eligibility for Federal Office of Rural Health Policy Grants (linked below).

[Revised Geographic Eligibility for FORHP Grants](#)

The addition of outlying metro counties means that the following Virginia localities will be eligible for funding under the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy: Amelia, Appomattox, Charles City, Clarke, Craig, Culpeper, Fluvanna, Franklin, Franklin City, Giles, Greene, King and Queen, King William, Madison, Mathews, Nelson, New Kent, Rappahannock, Southampton, Sussex, Warren.

The Rural Health Grants Eligibility Analyzer is a HRSA tool used to determine whether a locality is eligible for funding under the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy.

[Rural Health Grants Eligibility Analyzer](#)

Funding Opportunities for Rural Designated Localities:

The HRSA FORHP offers several funding opportunities for rural communities including:

Rural Hospital Programs

- FORHP provides technical assistance and support to address the unique needs of rural hospitals through several programs.
- To learn more [click here](#).

Rural Community Programs

- The Community-Based Division (CBD) grant programs provide funding to increase access to care in rural communities and to address their unique health care challenges.
- To learn more [click here](#).

Telehealth Programs

- FORHP resources and funded programs for the promotion of health care delivery, education, and health information services through telehealth technologies.

- To learn more [click here](#).

Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (RCORP)

- The Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (RCORP) is a multi-year initiative that addresses barriers to treatment for substance use disorder (SUD), including opioid use disorder (OUD).
- To learn more [click here](#).

VA-SORH's Innovative Programming Awards

For nearly 30 years, the Virginia State Office of Rural Health (VA-SORH) has provided funding that bridges small, rural communities to state and federal resources with the goal of developing long-term solutions to address the root causes of rural health disparities. VA-SORH accomplishes this goal by awarding funds to grant sub-recipients or “grantees”. Each grantee utilizes the funding to implement innovative programming in rural communities across the Commonwealth.

VA-SORH's Innovative Programming
Awards

VA-SORH is always available to provide data-related resources and technical assistance with navigating the HRSA grant process.

For VA-SORH contact information visit: <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/health-equity/division-of-rural-health/>.

